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### **STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR**

Our hearts go out to those who have suffered loss for the recent tragedies. We are with them in spirit and the entire staff of the Agency prays for them and their loved ones.

The Agency has been supporting the efforts of the Division of Emergency Management to assure a prompt response to any related emergency within Arizona. As a part of this effort, the Agency has regularly sought information regarding the status of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and other reactors within the State of Arizona, the status of nuclear medicine shipments, and the status of federal radioactive waste shipments through the State. As time passes we will probably have other issues which will need tracking or active participation in the program to assure that the needs of Arizona are met.

In addition, the agency continues to perform its normal functions of inspection, registration, certification, and licensing, as appropriate. The Agency is available to respond to questions and other needs of the regulated radiation using community.

Thank you.